



August 11, 1008

Ms. Mary Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
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Re: AB 32 Draft Scoping Plan and Appendices

Dear Ms. Nichols:

When the information about AB32 was first presented to me, I realized that this policy was extremely unique and presented a great opportunity for the betterment of our environment and long term sustainability of our communities. As the Executive Director of our organization, which represents 27 congregations in Southern California and an affiliate to a Statewide and National body, I tend to look at statewide policies through the prism of our constituency, always ensuring that their best interest is always in mind. After reviewing your draft scoping plan and appendices, I've noticed that many of the concerns we had back in May when we submitted our original comment letter were still there, and our constituencies concerns are not being addressed.

After reviewing all of the draft documents I could not find an economic analysis that provides our constituents with a preview as to what they would pay to support the various implementation strategies noted on the draft plan. There are descriptions of the benefits, mandates as well as the partnerships with regional entities and local governments to help reach AB32 goals, but a detailed description of the costs associated that supports the noted strategies is no where to be found. As stated in our original letter to you, it is imperative that CARB take the time to study this issue clearly before you finalize your plan and after you've researched the potential impacts, that you provide us with that data so that we can communicate that information with our constituents and families, whom are already struggling to pay for gas, utility bills, and grocery costs.

I'm actually surprised that considering the current climate in the state that this very important component of your plan is not included in this draft and appendices. Our communities are hurting; there are many social, economic, and environmental issues that are plaguing our families and we ask that you consider our current situation as you modify the plan and look towards implementation.

I know that our voice is a small one compared to the other interests that I'm sure have reached out to you and your office, but our families are no less important and considering your current implementation path, our families would most likely be the most affected.

Thank you for your time and we pray that you'll keep our communities in mind as you revise the scoping plan.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Rivera".

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